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SUBJECT: THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE

REF: BANGKOK 16072

1. SUBSEQUENT TO EVENTS REPORTED REFTEL, A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THAI SECURITY GUARDS ON THE ONE HAND AND VARIOUS RTG ELEMENTS, JOINTLY OR SEVERALLY, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND SUPREME COMMAND ON THE OTHER HAND HAVE FAILED PRODUCE RESOLUTION OF THAI SECURITY GUARD (TSG) PROBLEM. GUARDS CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC AT DEMOCRACY MONUMENT AND INSIST UNCOMPROMISINGLY ON THEIR ORIGINAL DEMANDS.

2. EMBASSY HAS REJECTED EFFORTS BY RTG SIDE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL U.S. FUNDS IN ORDER TO SWEETEN PACKAGE OFFERED TO TSG. THIS AND ALL OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING FED TO THE PRESS BY THE THAI AND RECEIVING FULL LOCAL PUBLICITY. GOVERNMENT IS TAKING PARTICULAR PAINS TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT U.S. IS FUNDING OFFERED PACKAGE,
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PRESUMABLY IN EFFORT TO PREVENT SIMILAR DEMANDS FROM

BEING MADE BY THAI GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

3. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT HAS LOST PATIENCE WITH TSG. ENCOURAGED BY SUPREME COMMAND, HE HAS CALLED UPON TSG TO REPORT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND RECEIVE THE OFFERED BENEFITS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT IMPOSED A DEADLINE, HE HAS LEFT THE IMPLICATION THAT THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO PROMPTLY WILL FORFEIT THE BENEFITS. AS OF THIS WRITING, MID-AFTERNOON, AUGUST 8, TSG HAVE NOT RPT NOT APPEARED TO COLLECT BENEFITS. KHUKRIT HAS ALSO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE MIGHT USE FORCE TO DISPERSE THEM IF THEY CONTINUE TO BLOCK DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC.

4. CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND, GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN HAS STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT SEVERED TSG WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE REHIRED. TO EXTENT THIS LEAVE GAP IN BASE SECURITY, RTG REMAINS COMMITTED TO FILL IT WITH THAI REGULAR FORCES. WHITEHOUSE

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